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1. FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS IN REFTELS ON AUG 28 THE POST
NARCOTICS OFFICER CONTACTED REVENUE AND EXCISE OFFICIALS,
CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
POLICE, X.V. ARUL.

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2. MR C VHIDAMBARAM, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN INFORMED OF THE NEWS. HE IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP THE TELEPHONE AND CALLED HIS COUNTERPART IN MADUGAI, THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THE SEIZURE OCCURRED. MADURAI REVENUE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THE SEIZURE BOTH IN THE AMOUNT (400 LBS) AND THE LOCATION (VEDARANYAM). REVENUE OFFICIALS MADE THE SEIZURE AND SINCE THE COMMODITY IS A NON-DUTIABLE PRODUCT, THE CATCH AND THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED WERE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE.

3. INSPECTOR GENERAL ARUL, WHO WAS ALSO UNAWARE OF THE SEIZURE, SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MADURAI, AND GET FURTHER DETAILS.

4. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT NONE OF THE OFFICIALS CONTACTED WAS AWARE OF THE SEIZURE. HOWEVER, ALL WERE IMMEDIATELY READY TO GET ON THE TELEPHONE TO VERIFY.

5. THE POST NARCOTICS OFFICER (LEE) WILL BE VISITING COMOMBO ON A PERSONAL VACATION AND WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS OFFICER IF POSSIBLE ON AUGUST 31. EAVES

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